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President Trump listens to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt speak after announcing the United States will withdraw from the Paris accord in the Rose Garden of the White House on June 1, 2017. (BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP/Getty Images)

There has been much interest -- among Republicans, it's hopeful; among Democrats, it's fearful -- in how science will be conducted differently at the Environmental Protection Agency under Scott Pruitt. Following President Trump's withdrawal from the Paris climate accord, the EPA head is seeking to explain.

The former Oklahoma attorney general is suddenly appearing on all kinds

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As Scott Waldman of E&E News reported

"primary contributor"

some new ideas at his agency. In an interview Monday with a

Pruitt podcast Pruitt shared the idea of creating something like this. He

said:

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*What the American people deserve, I think, is a true, legitimate, peer-
reviewed, objective, transparent discussion about CO2. And, uh, there was
article*

and he talked about the importance of having a Red Team of scientists and

*do we know, what don't we know, and what risk does it pose to human
health and the United States and the world, with respect to this issue of*

President Obama speaks at a convention center in Montreal. (Paul Chaisson/The
Canadian Press via AP)

weighs in again

the aforementioned op-ed

Committee

said as much to the House Science

withdrawal

Washington Post-ABC News poll

Fox News interview

condemned

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The Paris fallout continues:

President Obama speaks at a convention center in Montreal. (Paul Chaisson/The Canadian Press via

- **Former President Obama weighs in again on the Paris decision.** Calling Trump's decision "a leadership failure," he told a group of Canadians in a speech the Paris agreement still has a chance. "I'm looking forward to the United States being a leader and not just on the sidelines," he said.
- **The French ambassador to the United Nations adds his voice to the cacophony decrying the Paris deal.** Gearan reports. "America is perceived on this on the wrong side of history. For some, its status as guarantor of the world order, the U.S. is now being considered, again by some, and at the expense of the equilibrium."
- **Bret Stephens** -- the New York Times columnist who wrote that controversial column arguing that the consequences of climate change -- **isn't happy** **Pruitt quoted from his work during the Paris announcement.** During a Q&A with fellow columnist Gail Collins, he said:
 - *I was in Arizona, hiking with my son in Red Rock country, when Scott Pruitt, the E.P.A. administrator, dragged me into it. I'm supposed to comment on the news, not be the news, so I tried to avoid the risk of being the columnist who doth protest too much, let me just say this: **My climate change concern was about our mentality. It was about the perils of certitude in all things, not just about the perils of climate change. He had no business being in a policy statement of any sort.***

- Putting into sharp relief the slow pace at which the White House is filling top administrative posts -- **seven, or 15 percent, of 46 top science posts in the federal government that require**

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Dan Brouillette, deputy secretary of Energy-designate for President Trump, speaks during a Senate Energy hearing on May 25, 2017. (Andrew Harrer/Bloomberg)

Dan Brouillette was cleared to be deputy secretary of the Energy Department with bipartisan support. Robert Powelson for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The panel also voted to approve David Bernhardt, Trump's controversial nominee to be deputy secretary of the Interior, pushed Democrats to oppose his nomination because of his former lobbying work at several energy and other extraction companies, such as Statoil and Halliburton. "The list of issues should be enough to recuse him right out of a job," said Diana Best, a senior climate campaigner.

Red-state Democrat Sen. Joe Manchin (W.Va.) and Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) were the only Democrats to vote 14-9.

"There is nothing wrong with Mr. Bernhardt representing these clients as a lawyer, but giving him the job of deputy secretary of the Interior raises serious appearance of conflict of interest issues," said Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), The Hill reported.

Democrats were not pleased:

- **Federal judges to Pruitt: Why are you pausing an Obama-era methane rule?** The Hill's Robert McCartney is asking the Environmental Protection Agency to explain why it has the authority to pause a rule. The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said Tuesday that it is giving the agency 30 days to respond. Monday by environmental groups, who say the agency's action halting the rule was illegal.
- **Ryan Zinke sounds off.** While speaking to members of the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, Zinke said, "We're too short on the front line, but boy, we have a lot of bureaucracy," he said. "What happens? **You start to expose serpents...** there are people out there that just don't ask the question of what Interior should be in the next 100 years. We have to adapt to it."
- And **Rick Perry reassures Japan that "the U.S. commitment to environment is unchanged"** though the United States recently gave up a commitment in the Paris deal.
- **Finally, there's an aqueduct Trump wants to sell you.** The Post's Robert McCartney reports on the Washington Aqueduct, stirring fears among some that the White House's passion for private ownership of the facility could lead to a different outcome. Some officials in the District want the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to turn over the facility to D.C. Water, a public utility."

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More details about the results of ExxonMobil's annual shareholder meeting are in. Last v
a shareholder rebellion against the firm's climate change policy -- specifically, a majority of sha
forthcoming on disclosing the risks greenhouse gas regulation pose to its business.

Now in an Securities and Exchange Commission filing, ExxonMobil said that two members of
and Steven Reinemund -- received less than 80 percent of the vote from shareholders while a
vote. While both men kept their seats, good corporate governance groups interpret the vote ag
governance committee as a shot across the bow on Exxon's governance policy, which, they sa

"ExxonMobil's refusal to allow shareholders to engage directly with its board members is unac
ExxonMobil account for the significant risks posed by climate change," Eli Kasargod-Staub, wh
governance research into ExxonMobil, said

50/50 Climate Project and other groups are frustrated that, for example, shareholders are not a

A youth looks at a new, taller fence being built along U.S.-Mexico border. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd, File

- At a meeting with Republican leaders, **Trump reportedly floated the idea of covering h
panels.** More from Axios's Jonathan Swan: "Trump said his vision was a wall 40 feet to 5
they'd be 'beautiful structures,' [Republicans] said. The President said that most walls you
would be nothing like those walls. **Trump told the lawmakers they could talk about the
his idea.** One person cautioned that the President wasn't presenting the solar-paneled wa

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A group of bipartisan senators are preparing a bill to extend carbon-capture tax credits. that would extend tax credits for carbon capture will soon be introduced, a Senate aide said Tuesday. The bill would retain incentives to invest in the costly technology.”

FLASHBACK: A Nevada businessman already proposed this to the Trump administration

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- devastate crops in Africa

...in the west to Sudan in the east. The consequences could be devastating agricultural

- **Scientists just linked another record-breaking weather event to climate change.** Chongqing's April heat wave shattered all-time temperature records across Southeast Asia, prompting a record number of deaths and making international headlines. Now, scientists believe the event was driven by a combination of natural event and human-caused climate change. And they say events like it will only become more frequent.

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The Post's Todd C. Frankel reports

While that one sentence in Trump's speech might have been just an applause line, a rhetoric circles, it continues to resonate here. Trump was widely criticized for his nod to Pittsburgh being red. Hillary Clinton got 75 percent of the city's vote. But his comment also revealed a deeper flourishing in the new economy and how they got there.

And reporting from Somerset County, Pa. -- i.e. coal country -- The Post's Ana Swanson talks president has not: That much of the decline in coal is due to economic and not just regulatory

The towns scattered through the coal-rich Appalachian Mountains of southern Pennsylvania Trump's lips last week as he announced the United States' withdrawal from the Paris climate brand-new mine" — the Acosta Deep Mine, about 70 miles southeast of Pittsburgh — as a s

But while the locals heartily embrace the 70 or more new jobs the mine will bring, some, like and his son, don't share the president's view of the industry's renaissance.

"Coal country is a great place to be from," Popernack said as he sat behind his applesauce and repeated the line, emphasis on "from," cracking a smile around broken teeth. "Do you get it?"

Here are some more local headlines:

- HI: Hawaii became the first state to pass laws enforcing portions of the Paris climate

- **KS:** Utility Kansas City Power & Light (KCPL) has announced it will close six co
- **NJ:** The state's two biggest coal-fired power plants retired

Today:

- **President Trump** will be in Cincinnati, Ohio **today** to promote his infrastructure plan. He's at Lunken Airport at 1 p.m. Eastern.
- The United Nations' first ocean conference will continue in New York. The conference thro
- The House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing on the farm bill and the "Future of In Development."
- A House Natural Resources subcommittee will hold a hearing on the abandoned mine lan
- Devon Energy's annual meeting for shareholders will start this morning, with an anticipate

Coming Up

- A House Natural Resource subcommittee will have a legislative hearing on land reclamation morning.
- The Hudson Institute is hosting an event on Thursday starting at 11:30 a.m. on "the impo
- EPA head Scott Pruitt will testify before the House Appropriations Interior-EPA subcommi
- **Later this month**, the U.S. Energy Information Administration will host its 2017 Energy C
- **Secretary Ryan Zinke** has until **June 10** to make a recommendation about the future of t Utah.
- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee **postponed** its hearing on the non **David Wright** to be members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the nomin administrator of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance for the EPA. **The h**

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Slow motion: Explosives demolish the Oroville Dam

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Gang's Jason Samenow:

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